



Solid State Astrophysics

Determining the grain composition of the ISM

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Motivation for Dust Studies

- Gets in the way of everything
- Vital to our understanding of the universe
 - dust a primary respository of the ISM
 - interpretation of Cosmology results, etc.
 - chemical evolution of stars, planets, life

Multiwavelength studies of dust

- X-rays : unique probe of solid state nature of molecule; sensitive to ALL atoms in both gas and solid phase
- IR : can directly probe vibrational modes, but limited to PAHs, graphites and certain silicates ($\sim 2.5\text{--}25\ \mu\text{m}$ region). Cannot easily speciate the grain composition
- UV : dust inferred from the depletion factor (amount expected : measured)
- Optical : dust inferred from redding/extinction, polarization
- Radio : probe gas phase; 21cm, CO, etc.

Reviews, etc from some of the experts

• Dust and Astrophysics :

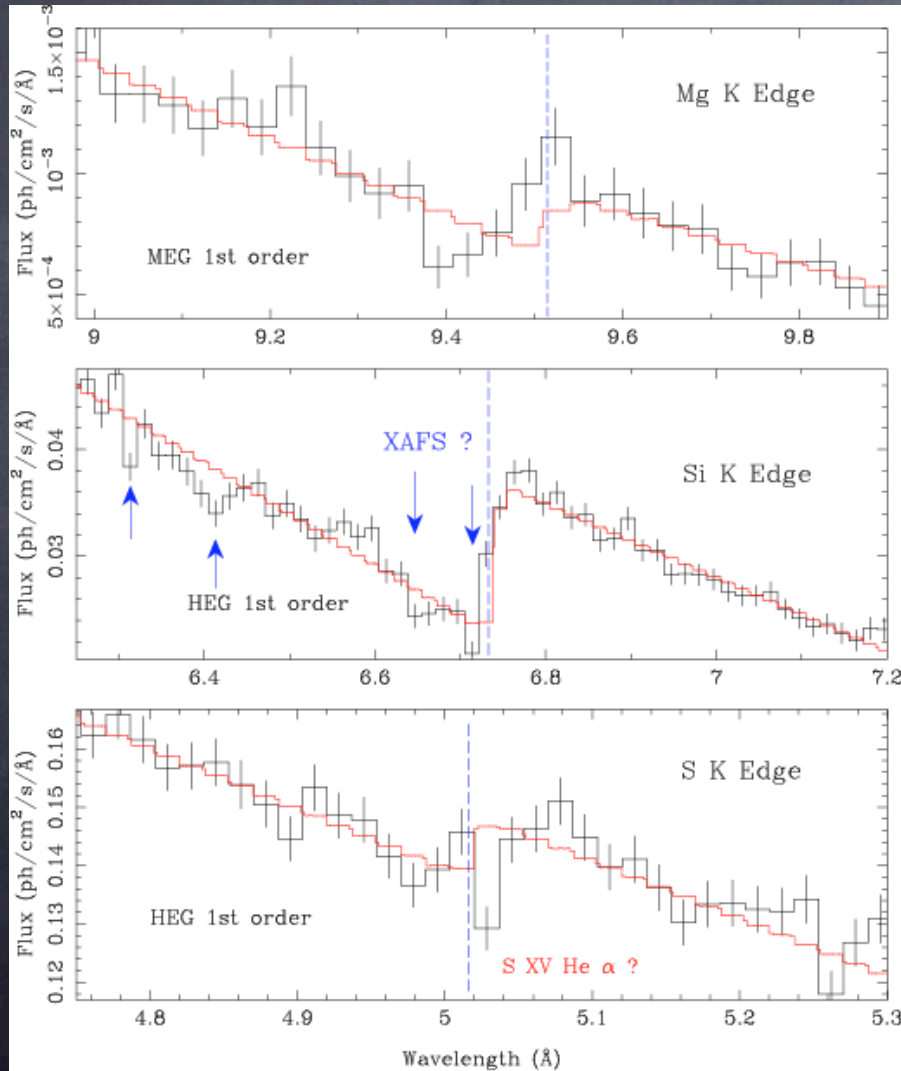
- Bruce Draine : Annual Reviews of Astronomy & Astrophysics & references therein: e.g. Li & Greenberg 2003
- Endrik Krügel : 'The Physics of Interstellar Dust'
- Lyman Spitzer : 'Physical Processes in the ISM'
- D C B Whittet : 'Dust in the Galactic Environment'
- Also, ApJ papers by Woo et al. 1995, 97; Forrey et al. 1998

• XAFS Theory & Practice

- Koningsberger & Prins (1988)
- Kruegel (2003)
- B. Ravel & M. Newville
- Rehr & Albers (2000)
- J. Stöhr (1996)

Detections of X-ray Absorption Fine Structure

GRS 1915+105 : Lee et al. 2002



EXAFS:
local atomic structure

XAFS → XANES:
valence of absorber
density of states of abs.

- interstellar grain composition
- solid state astrophysics ?!

also see Ueda et al. 2005

The theory behind measuring X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) to determine molecular composition

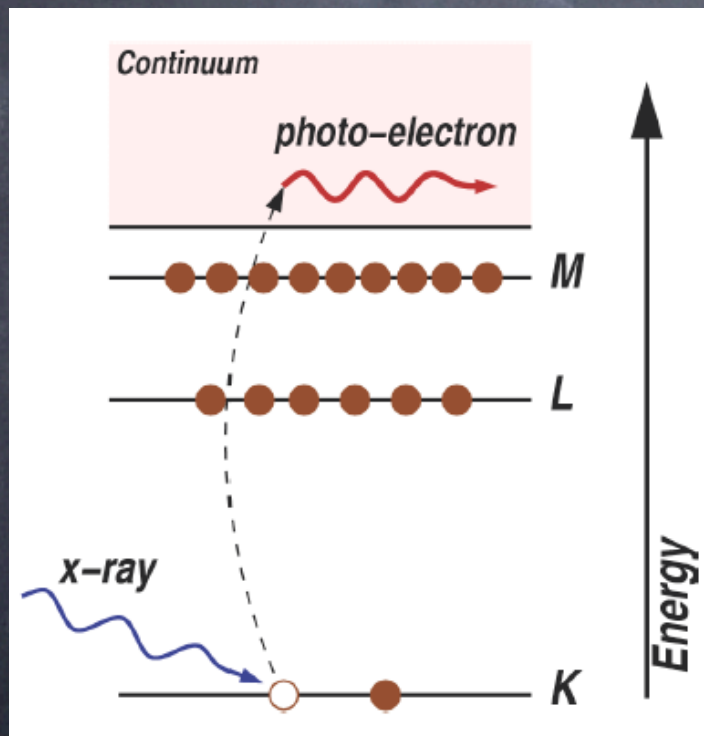
- The photoelectric effect : X-ray photon absorbed by an electron in a tightly bound quantum core level (e.g. 1s or 2p)

Bound-free case for isolated atoms

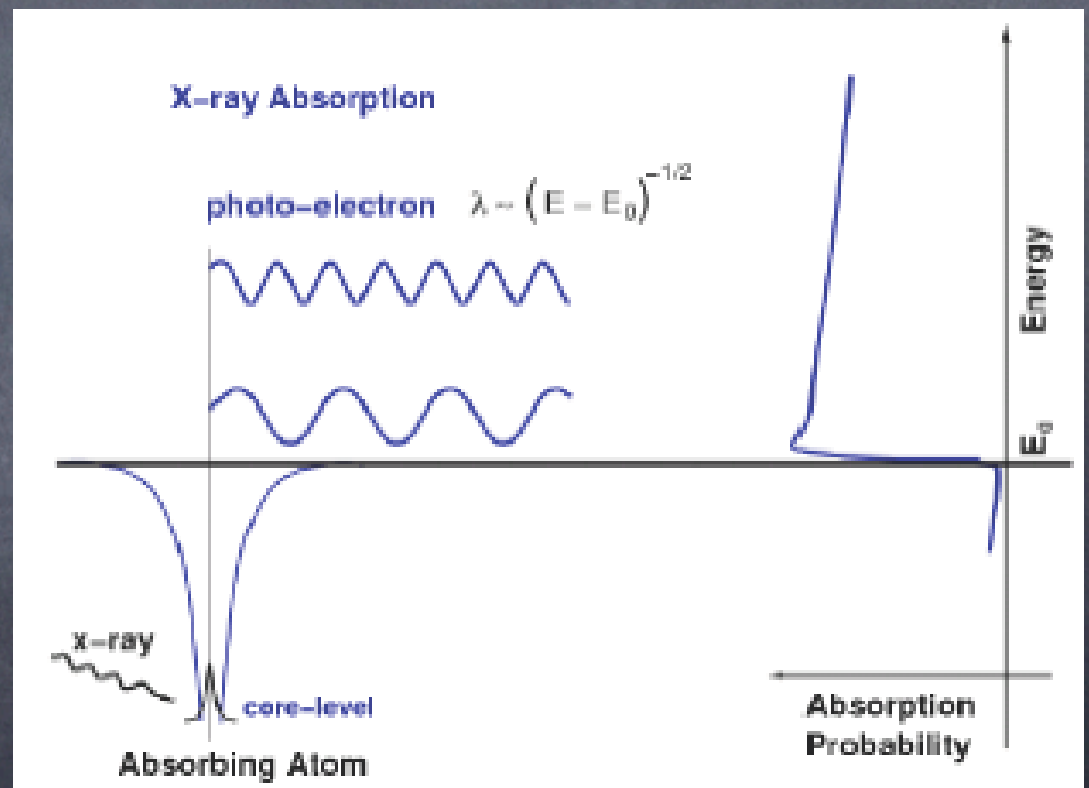
X-ray absorption through the photoelectric process

Isolated Atom: Bound free process --> edge step

promotion of e^- to continuum results in sharp rise in the probability for absorption



$$\mu(E) = \mu_0(E)$$

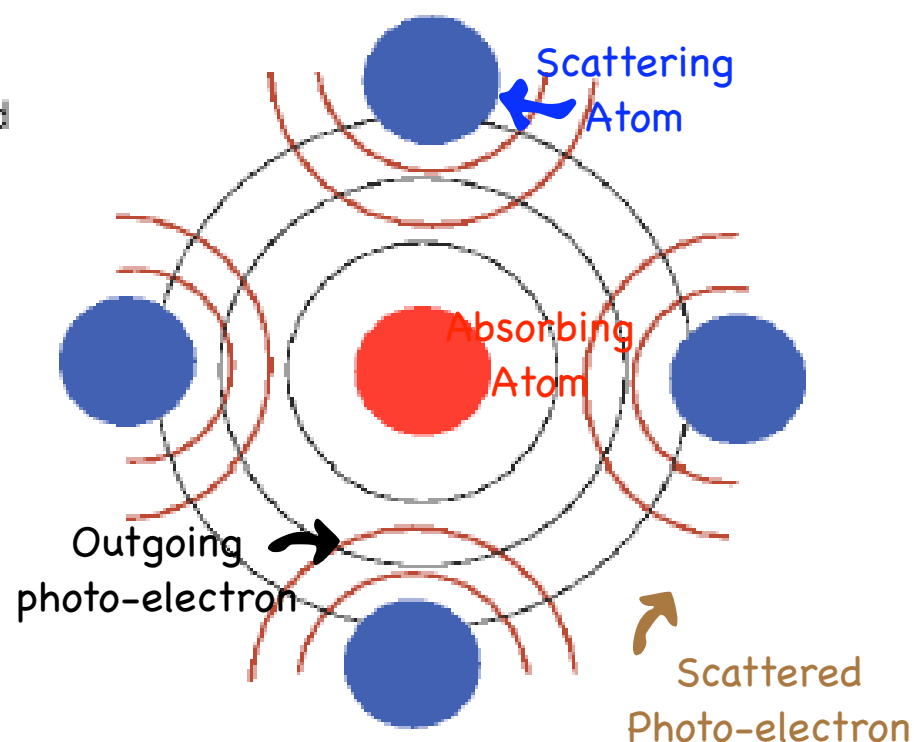
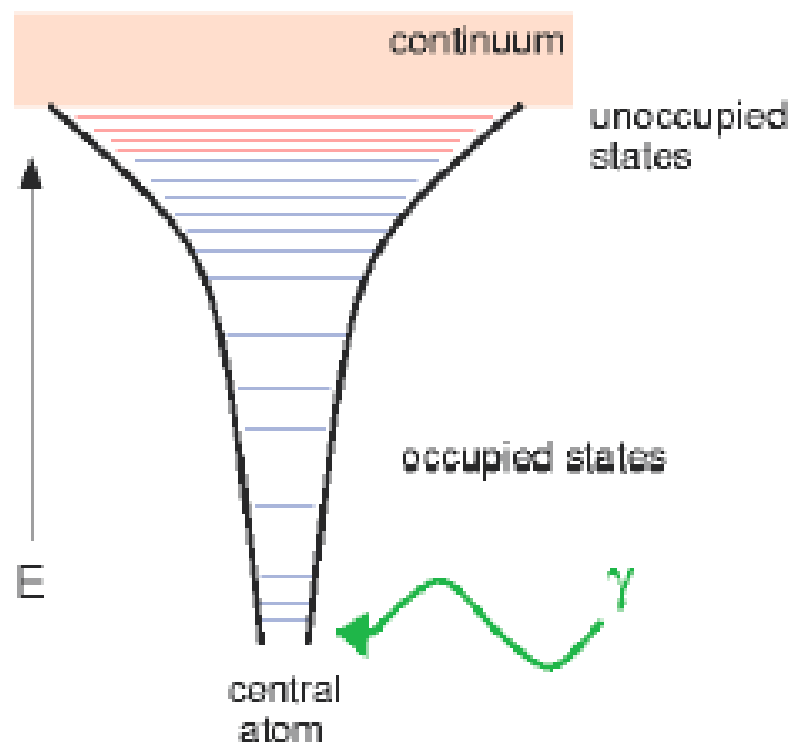


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The theory behind measuring X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) to determine molecular composition

- The photoelectric effect : X-ray photon absorbed by an electron in a tightly bound quantum core level (e.g. 1s or 2p)
- Isolated Atom: Bound free process --> edge step
- Isolated Atom : Bound bound process --> inner shell resonance absorption lines (e.g. MCG-6-30-15: Oxygen V, VI KLL : Lee et al. 2001; IRAS 13349 : 2p-3d M-shell Fe : Sako et al. 2000, NGC 3783 -- Kaspi et al. 2002, Netzer et al. 2003 & references therein; atomic calcs: e.g. Pradhan; Kallman; Behar ...)
- Molecule : bound-bound process --> XAFS

Heuristic Picture of EXAFS



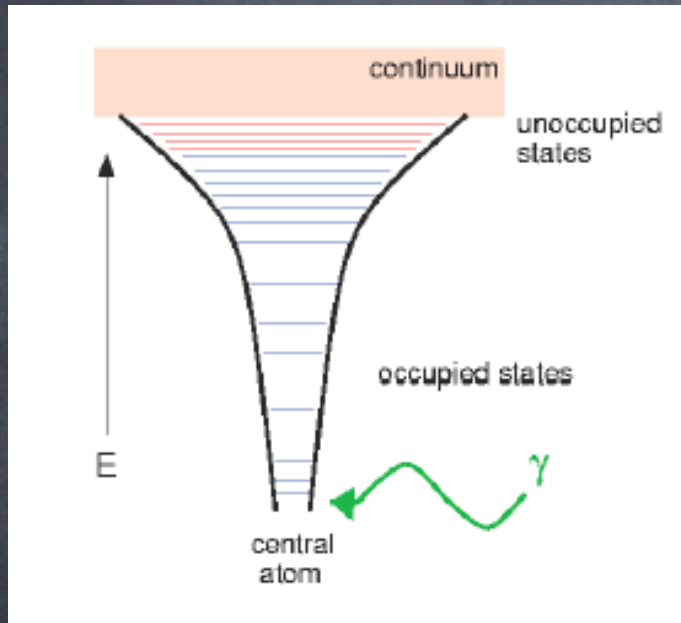
Introduction to EXAFS Analysis Using Theoretical Standard, ©2000-2001 Bruce Ravel

(1) Deep core electron is excited into a state above Fermi energy

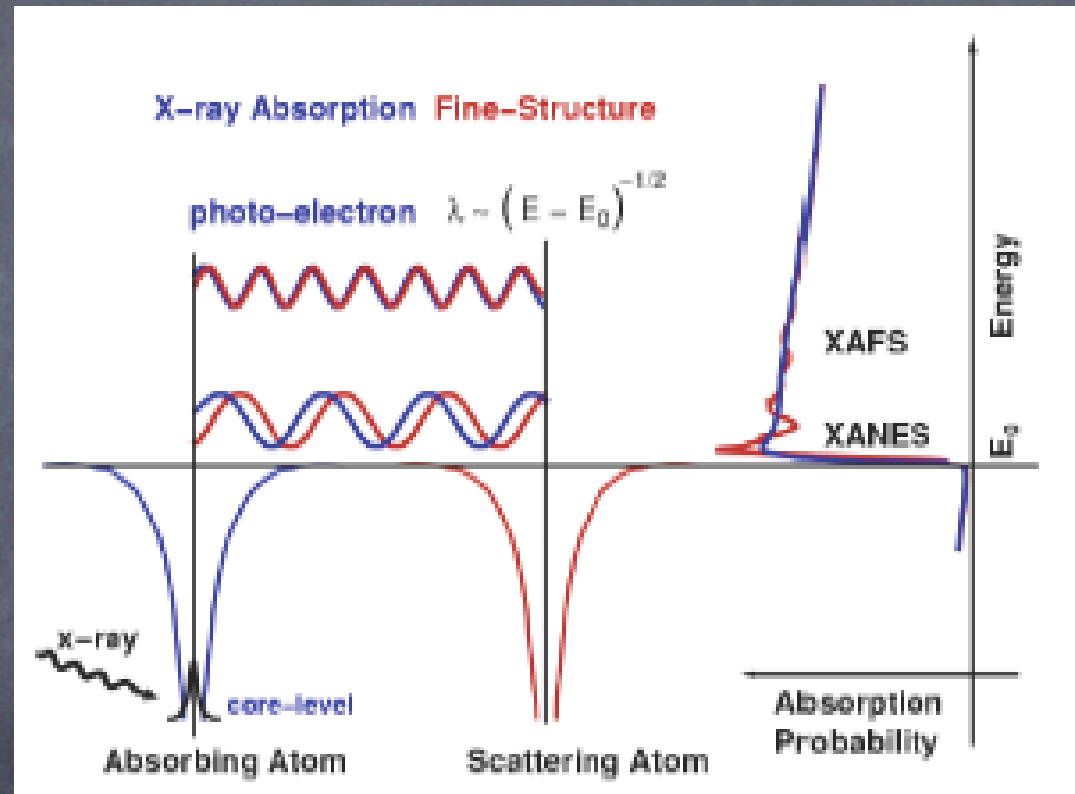
(2) Single Scattering Approximation :
The photoelectron propagates as a spherical wave & interacts with neighboring atoms → backscattered wave affects abs. properties of absorbing atom

XAFS Theory

Bound-bound case for molecules



$$\mu(E) = \mu_0(E)[1 + \chi(E)]$$



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The amplitude of the back-scattered photo-electron **at the absorbing atom** will vary with energy --> oscillations in $\mu(E)$ --> **XAFS**

The theory behind measuring X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) to determine molecular composition

Fermi's Golden Rule :

$$\mu(E) = \mu_0(E)[1 + \chi(E)] \propto | \langle i | H | f \rangle |^2$$

initial state : an X-ray, a core electron, no photo-election



final state : no X-ray, a core hole, a photo-election

Fine-Structure Term : depends ONLY on
absorbing atom

$$\chi(E) = \frac{\mu(E) - \mu_0(E)}{\Delta\mu_0(E)} \propto \langle i | H | \Delta f \rangle$$

change in photo-electron final state
due to back-scattering from neighboring atom

H: interaction term - represents changing
between 2 energy, momentum states

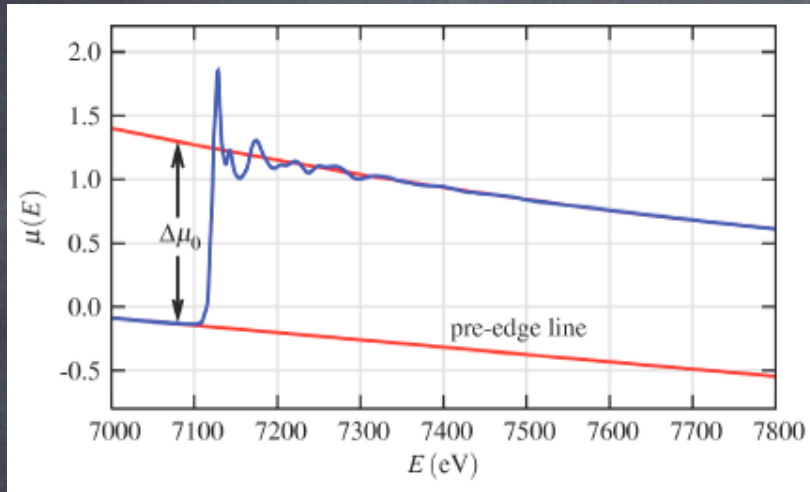
photo-electron scattering properties
of neighboring atoms

The EXAFS equation : represents interaction of forward scattering & backscattering photoelectron

$$\chi(k) = \sum_j \frac{N_j S_0^2 f_j(k) e^{-2R_j/\lambda(k)} e^{-2k^2 \sigma_j^2}}{k R_j^2} \sin[2k R_j + \delta_j(k)]$$

Single Scattering Approximation

The practice behind measuring X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS) to determine molecular composition



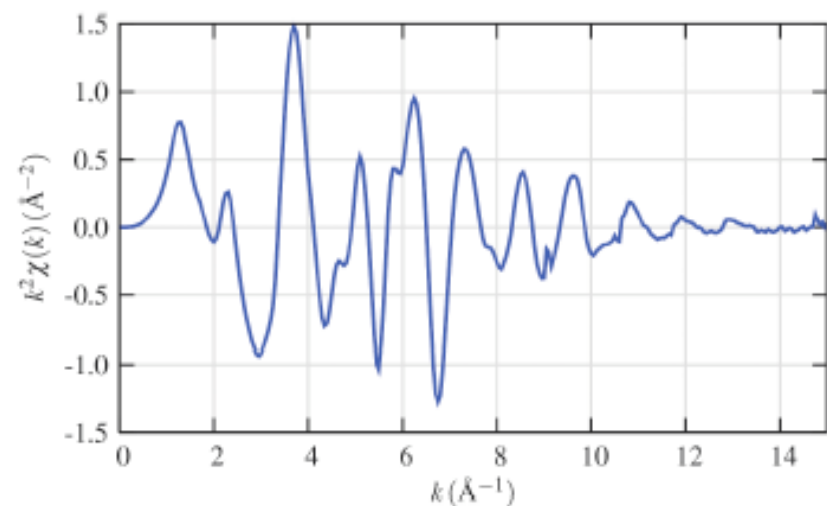
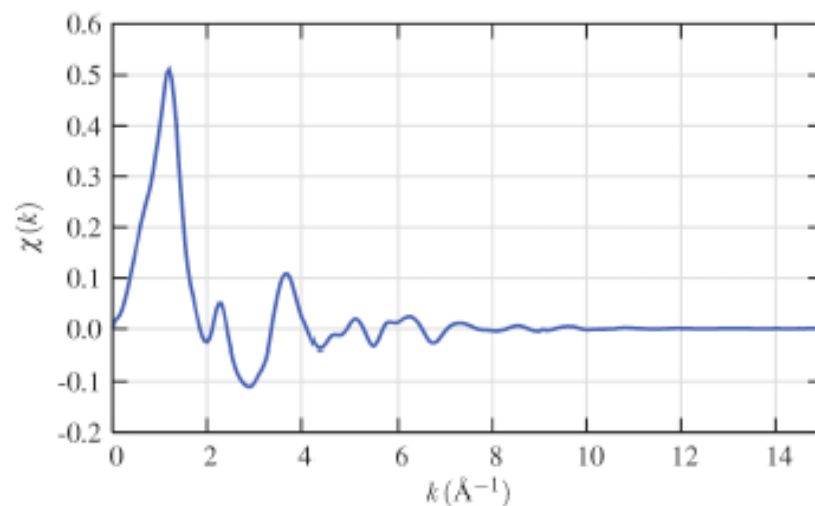
Isolate fine structure term :

$$\chi(E) = \frac{\mu(E) - \mu_0(E)}{\Delta\mu_0(E)} \propto \langle i | H | \Delta f \rangle$$

interference effect : depends on wave nature of photoelectron

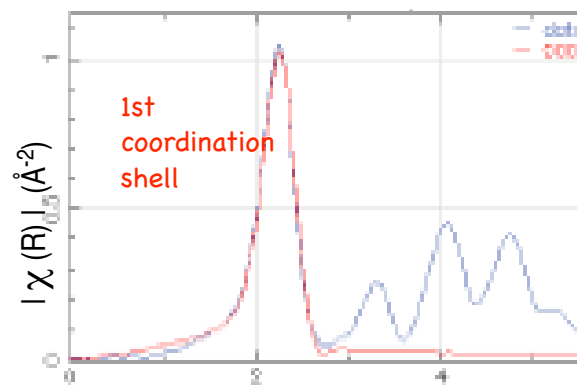
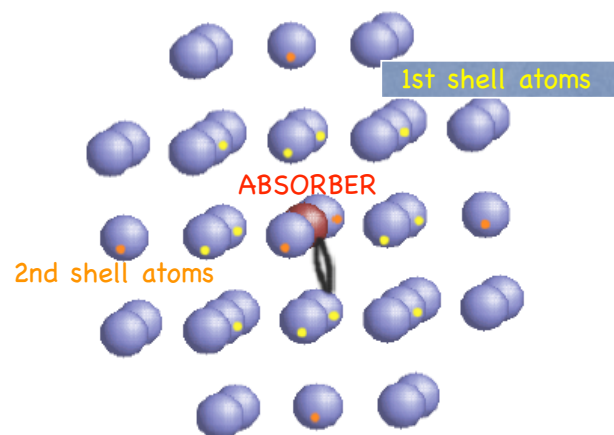
$$\chi(E) \longrightarrow \chi(k)$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{2m(E - E_0)}{\hbar^2}}$$



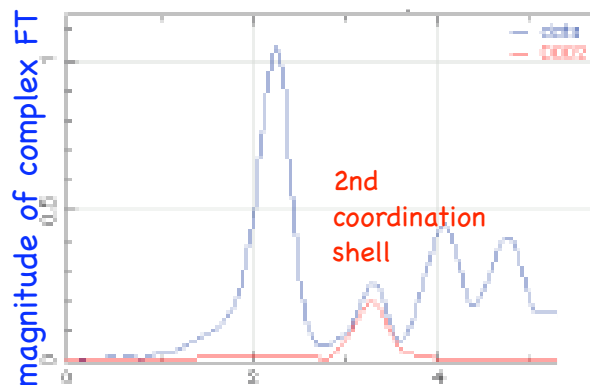
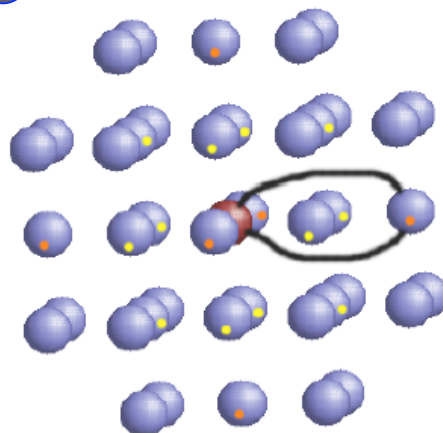
Scattering Paths

1 Single Scattering Path



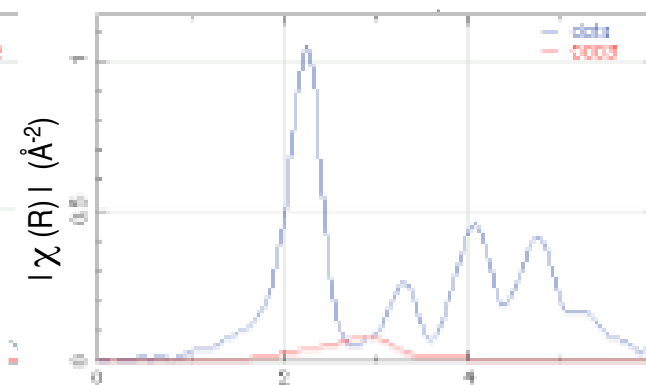
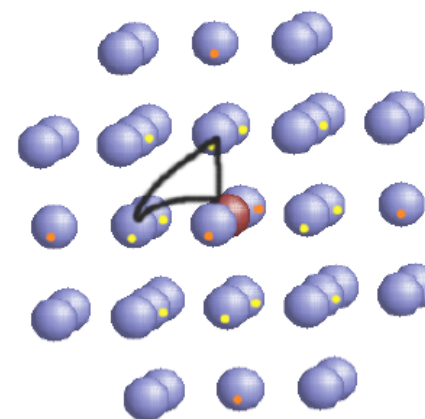
Radial Distance from Absorbing Atom (Å)

2 Single Scattering Path



Radial Distance from Absorbing Atom (Å)

3 Double Scattering Path ...

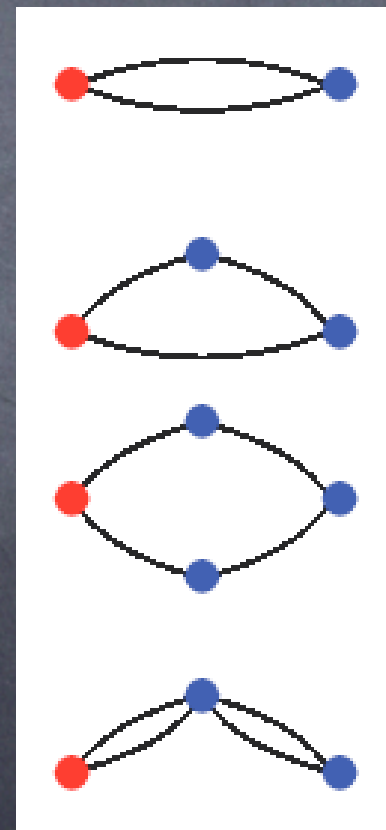
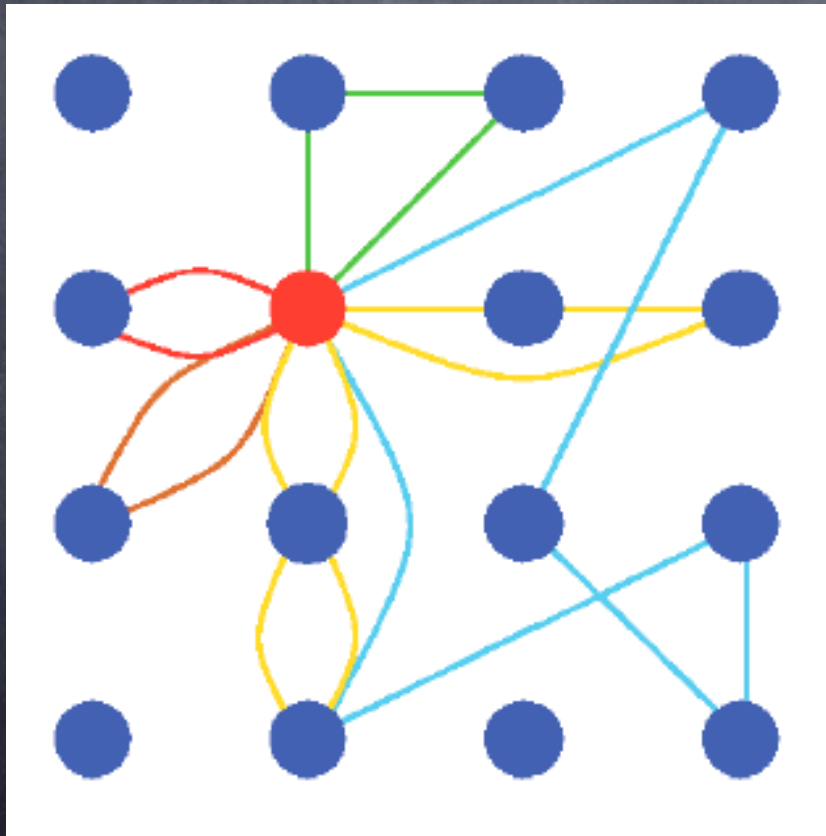


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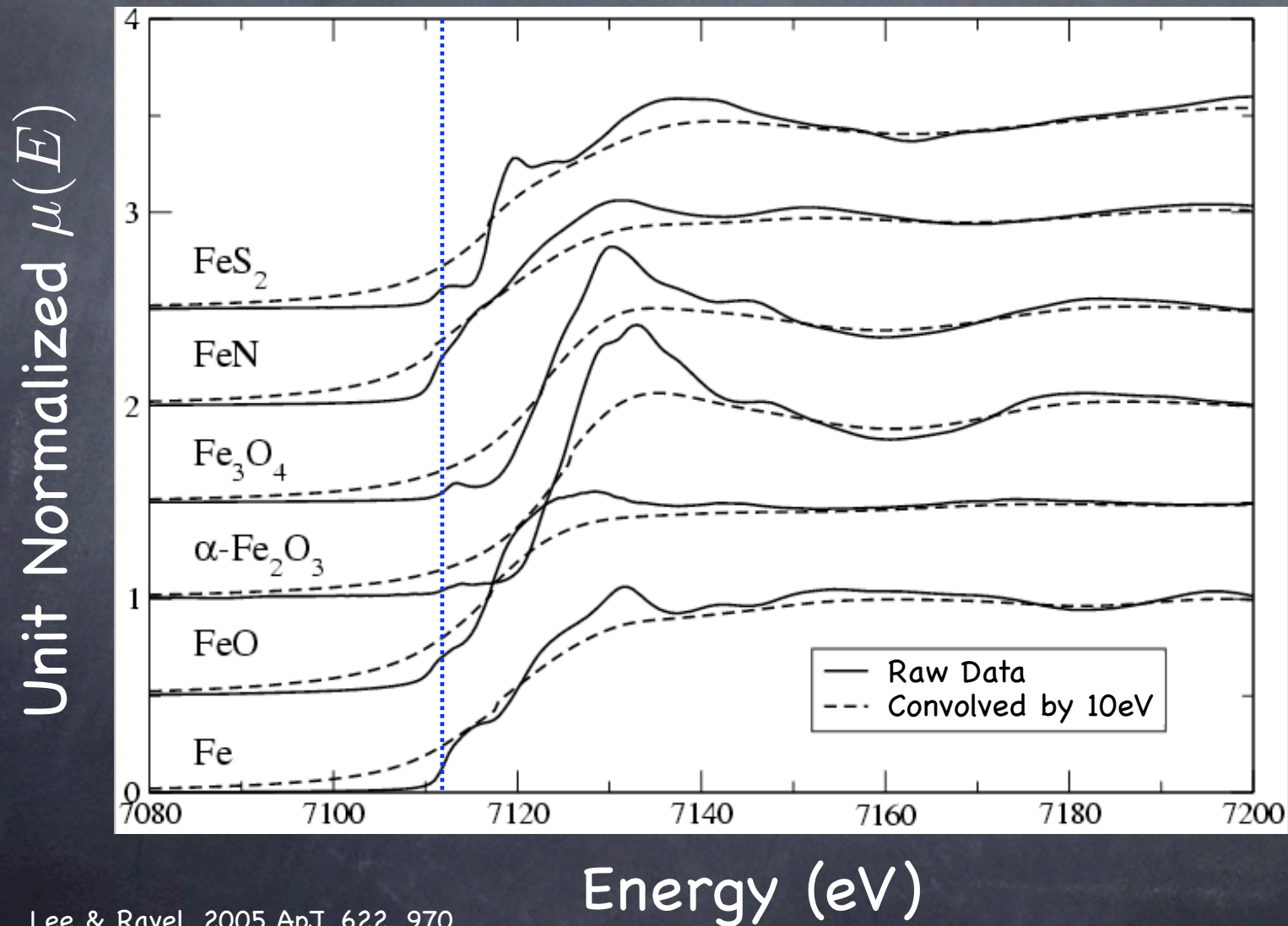
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ISM Grain Candidates

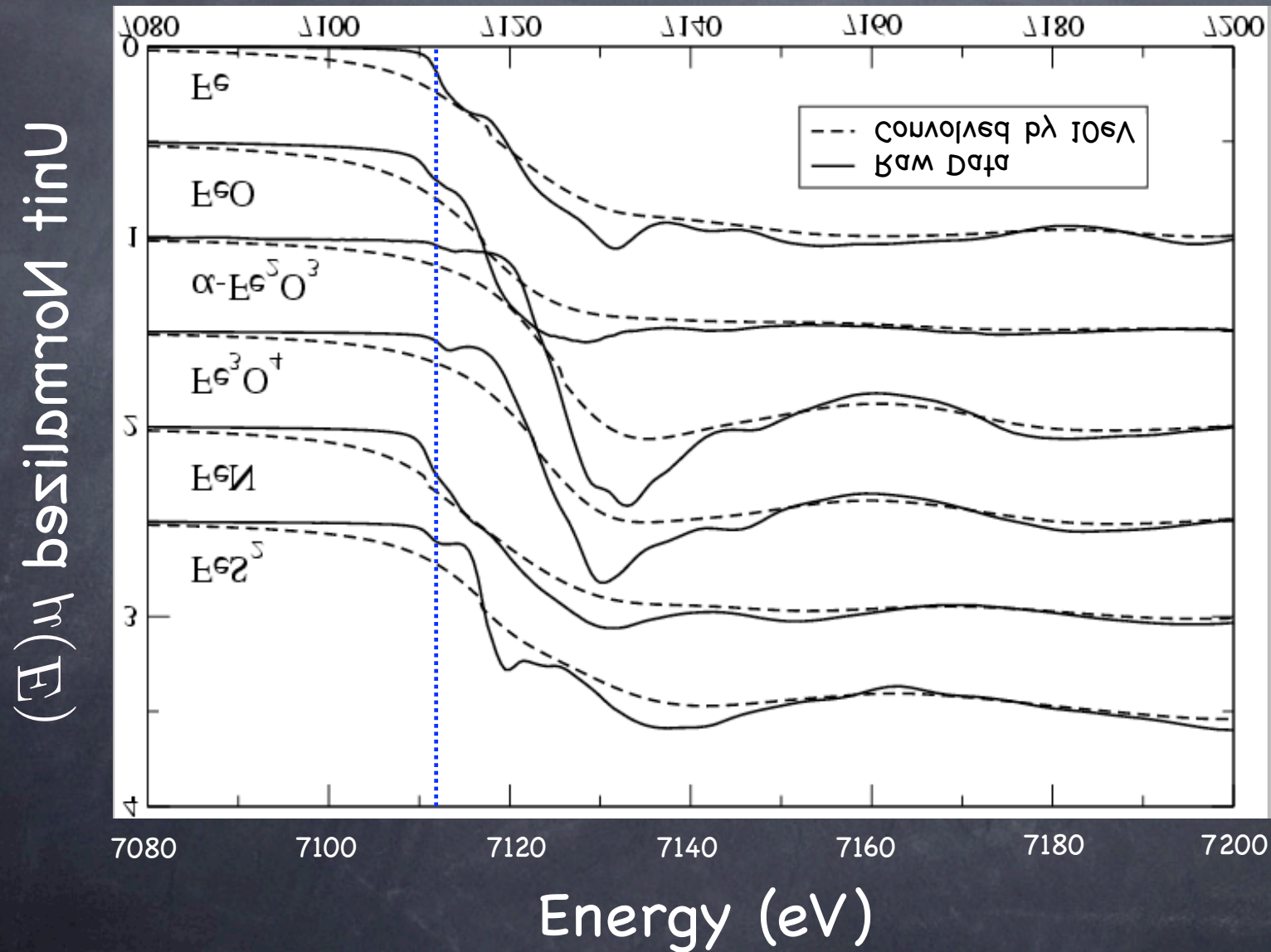
- UV, IR, & meteorite studies indicate compositions :
 - ice : H_2O
 - graphite : C
 - polyaromatic hydrocarbons : PAHs
 - silicates : SiO_2 , FeSiO_3 , FeSiO_4 , MgSiO_3 , Mg_2SiO_4
 - iron species : Fe, FeO, Fe_2O_3 , Fe_3O_4

K-edge Absorption Cross Sections for IRON compounds



Data from BNL National Synchrotron Light Source and
Argonne National Laboratory Advanced Photon Source

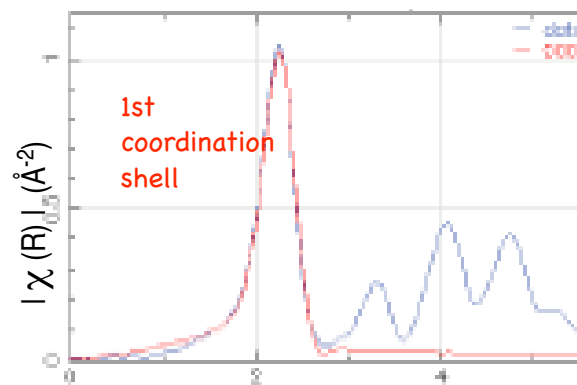
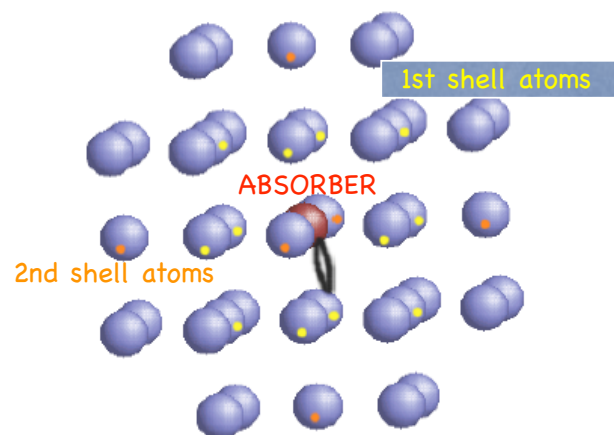
For us Astronomers ...
 $E_{\text{photon}} (\text{eV})$



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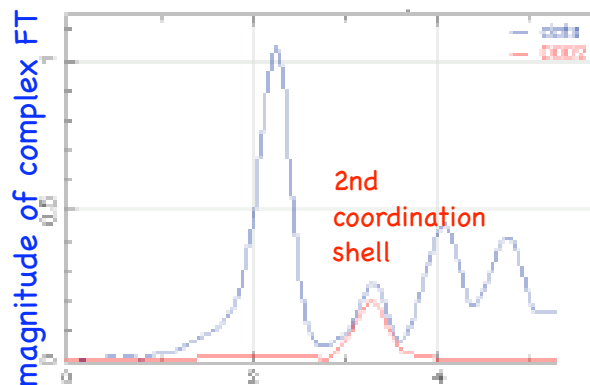
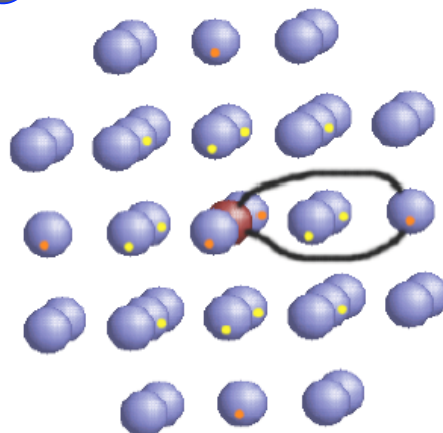
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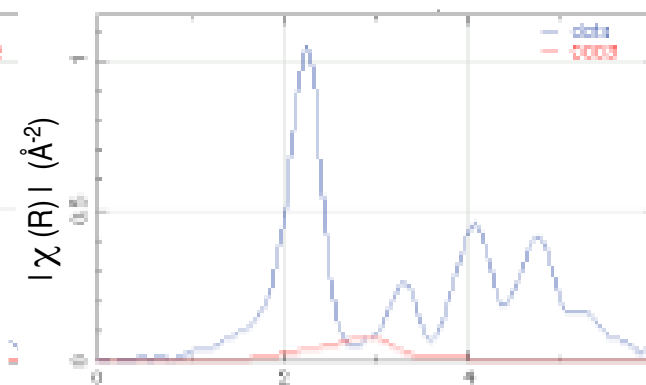
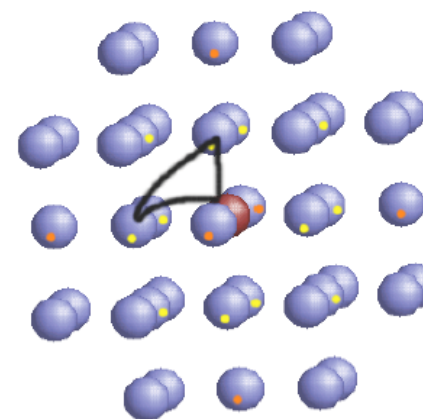
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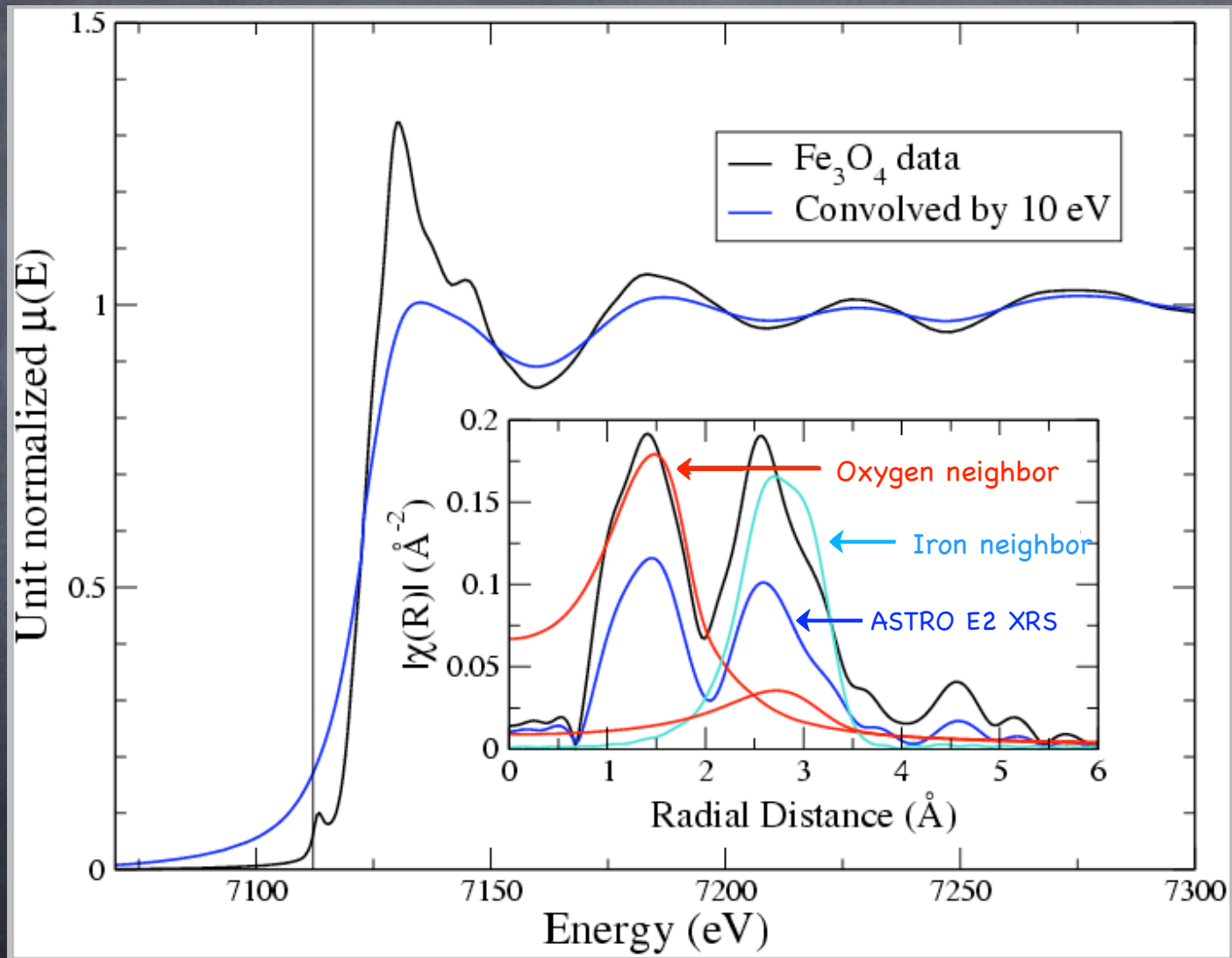


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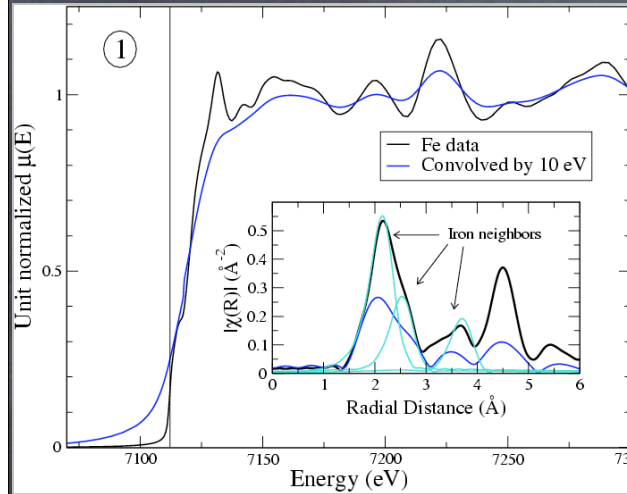
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Identifying Compounds using XAFS theory and synchrotron analysis techniques

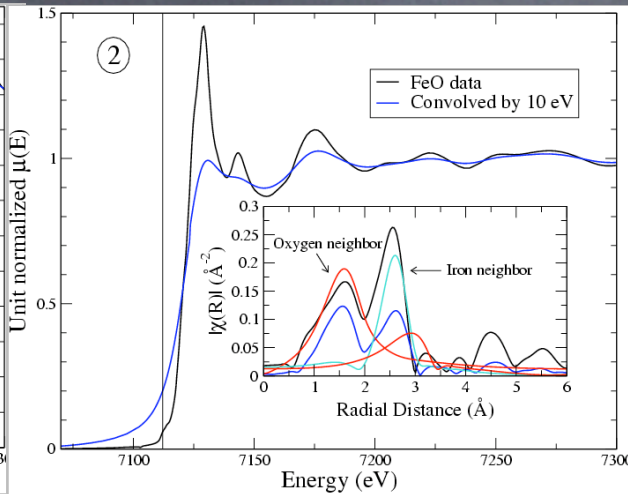
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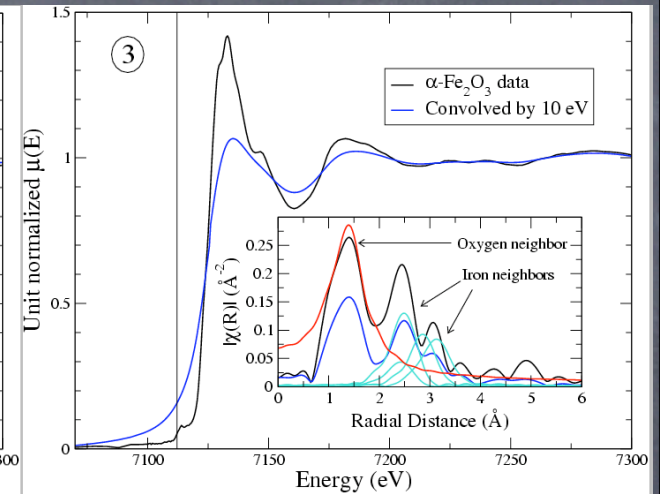
metallic iron



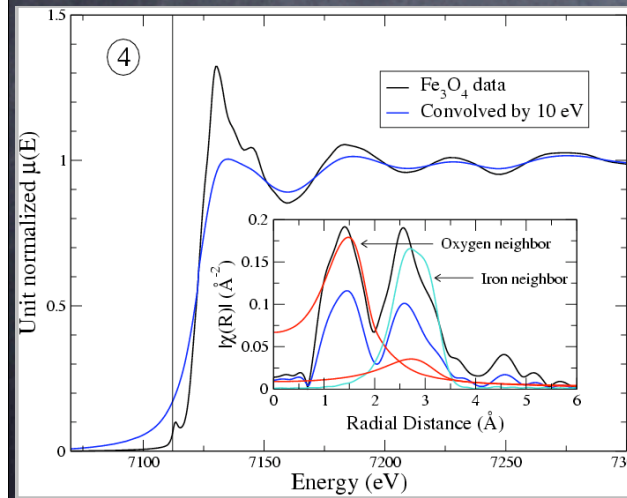
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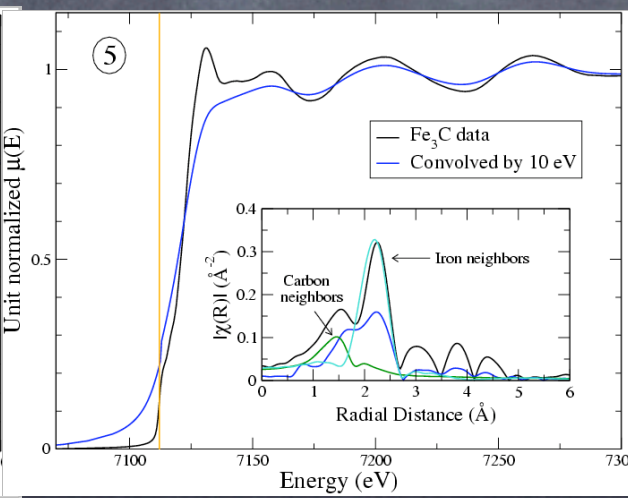
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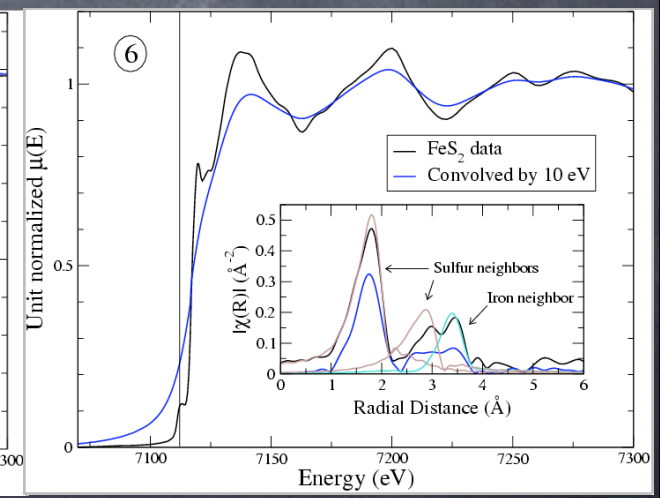
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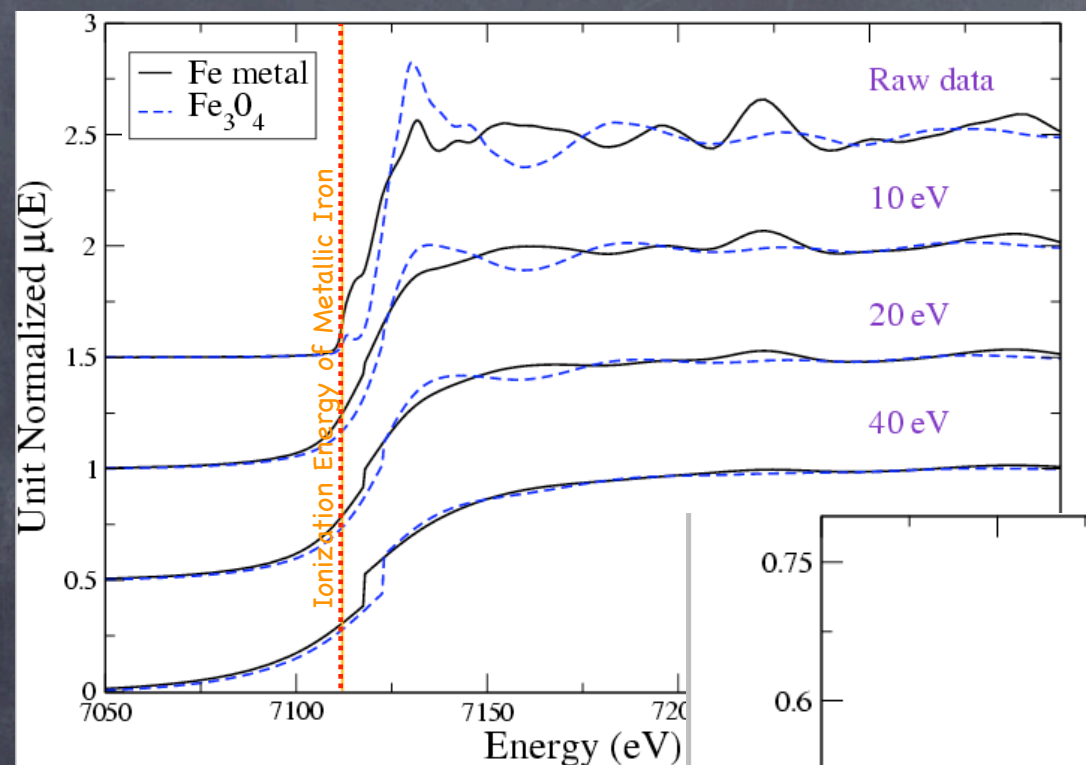
iron carbide



pyrite



The limiting effects of spectral resolution



At moderate noise level

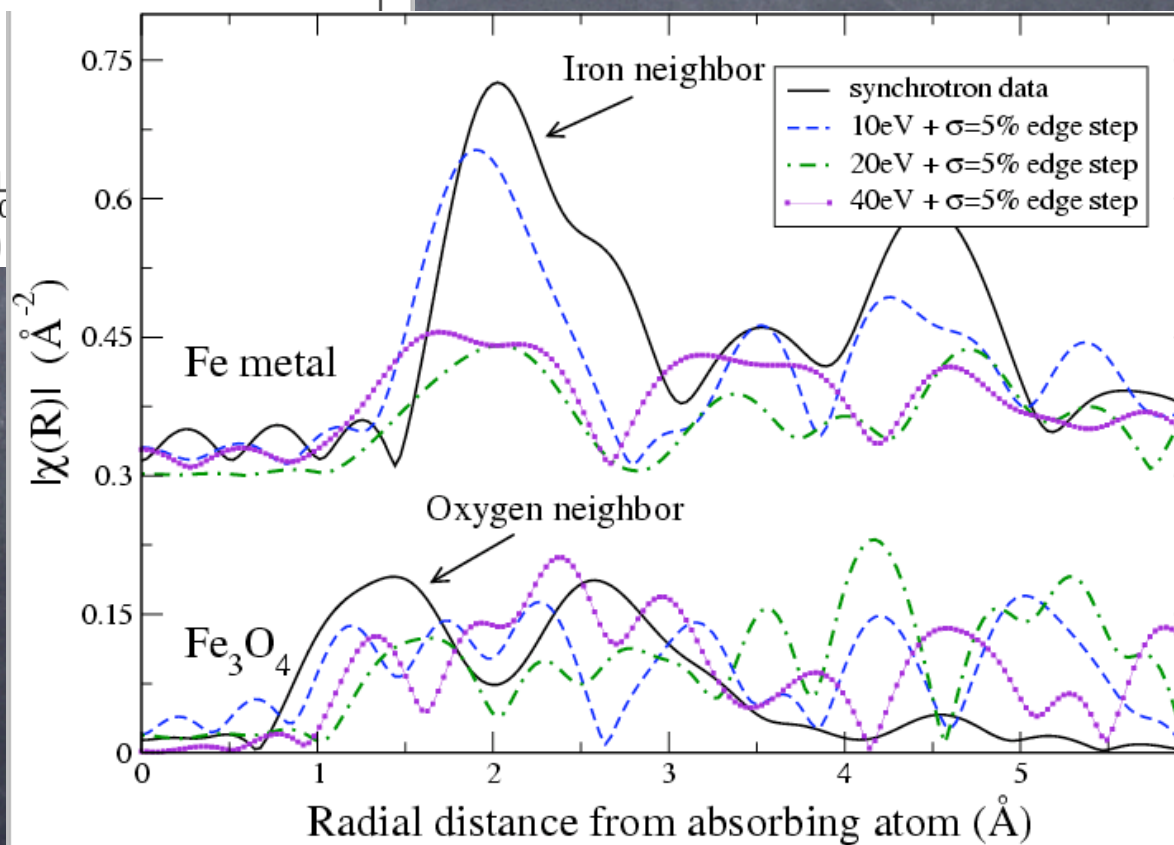
Fe Metal :

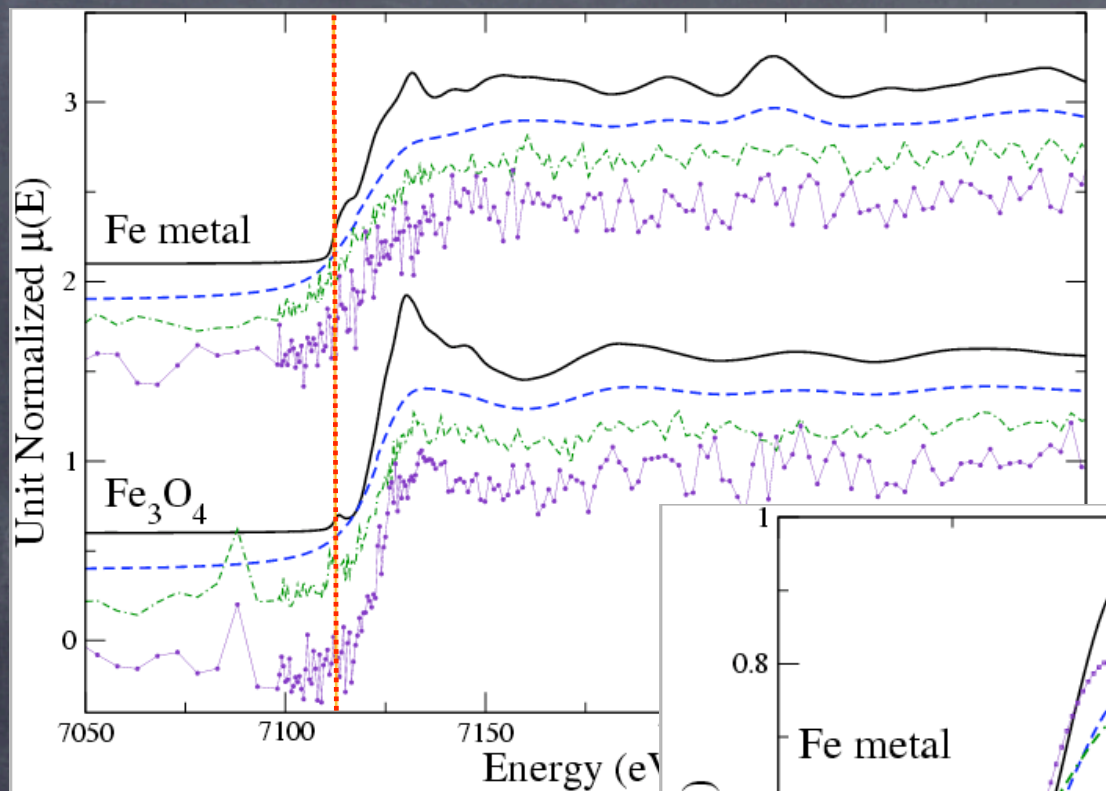
R = 20 eV maybe still OK

Magnetite :

R = 10 eV a minimum

Data from BNL NSLS & ANL APS





The limiting effects
of noise

Lee & Ravel 2005 ApJ

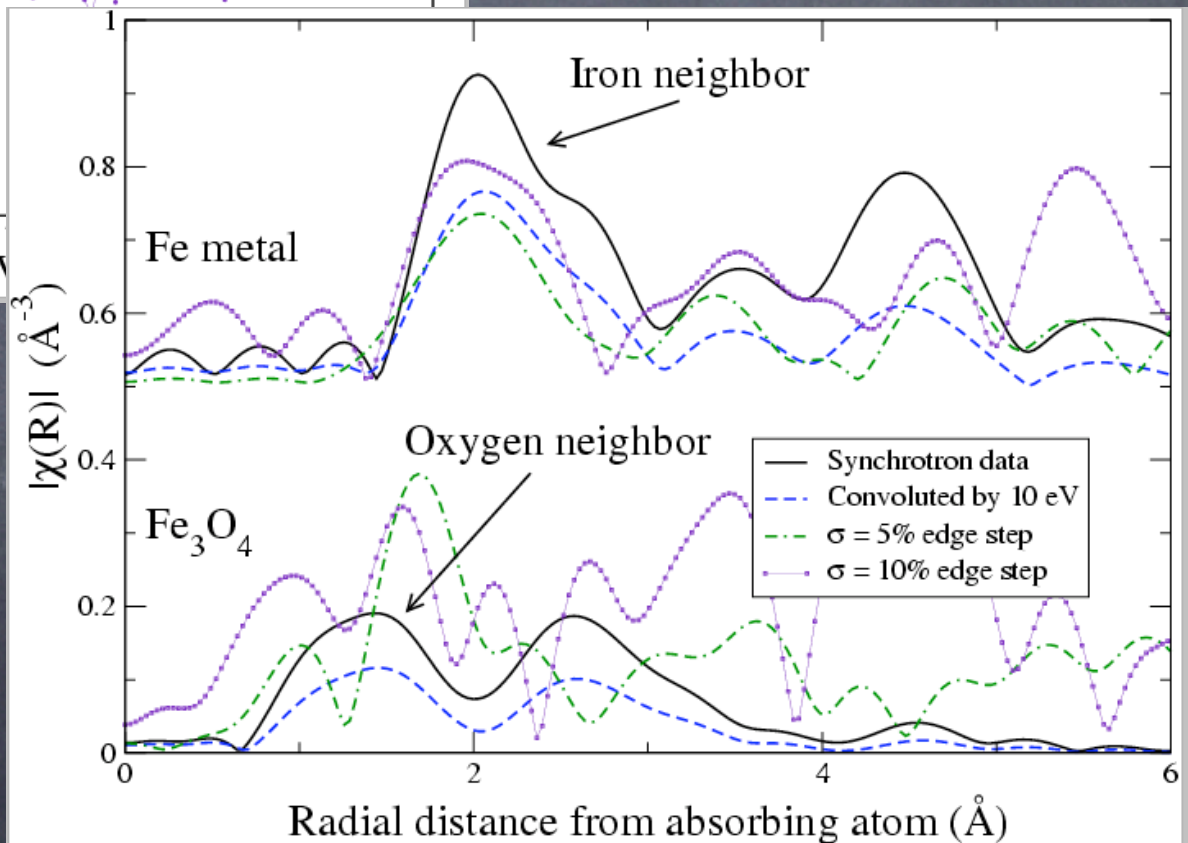
At $R \sim 10$ eV

Fe Metal :

can tolerate relatively high noise

Magnetite :

cannot even tolerate 5% noise



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Constellation-X and ISM Grain Physics

Need AREA + Spectral R \geq 2500-3000

	Gratings 0.25 – 6 keV FWHM			Calorimeter 6-10 keV FWHM		
	E/ Δ E=300 Baseline Con-X	E/ Δ E=1000 Chandra	Ideal E/ Δ E	E/ Δ E~923 Suzaku	E/ Δ E= 1500 Baseline Con-X	Ideal E/ Δ E
Gas vs. dust	Difficult without context	YES (isolate WA though)		YES	YES	
Different dust	NO WAY !	MAYBE, with good statistics	3000 silicates from Fe/oxides but $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 = \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	OK with good statistics	silicates from iron / oxides	3000
Discern oxides	NO WAY !	NO	5000	NO	very hard to not possible	5000